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Serial No.: 09/827,053 Group Art Unit: 3753  
Filed: April 5, 2001 Examiner: Gerald A. Michalsky  
Title: GAS ASSIST MOLD DUMP VALVE

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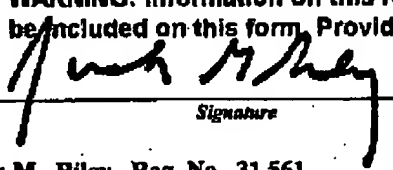
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Invention: <b>GAS ASSIST MOLD DUMP VALVE</b>					
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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed July 29, 2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: